

## **Greater Portland Council of Governments Regional ReCOGNition Awards – 2009**

### **Presented To:**

#### **The Town of Cape Elizabeth and its Alternative Energy Committee for Best Practices in Sustainability Planning**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Cape Elizabeth and its citizen-based Alternative Energy Committee for their outstanding vision and leadership for completion of an energy audit that identifies over \$2 million in energy savings over the next ten years and establishment of a wind monitoring system.

#### **The Route 113 Corridor Committee for Best Practices in Regional Economic Development Collaboration**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Route 113 Corridor Committee and its member communities of Baldwin, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram and Standish for their shared commitment to build a strong, regionally based economy in the Upper Saco River Valley area that has resulted in the adoption of a regional economic development strategy, State designation of Route 113, the Pequawket Trail, as a *Scenic Byway* and a State policy commitment to study the cost of restoring the Mountain Division Rail Line.

#### **The Metro Fire Chief's Coalition for Best Practices in Regional and Collaborative Leadership in Strengthening Public Safety Services**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Fire Chiefs and municipalities of Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Gorham, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland and Westbrook for their collaborative leadership in formally establishing The Metro Fire Chief's Coalition through an Interlocal Agreement that has resulted in attracting \$650,000 in grant funds to date, that have provided for the delivery of a nationally recognized driver training course to approximately 875 members of the Metro fire/rescue departments, delivery of emergency vehicle operator courses to approximately 550 members of the participating departments, the purchase of a two-place, computer driven, driver training simulation trailer and the design, purchase, and construction of a sprinkler and alarm system trailer that is used to conduct training throughout the participating communities.

#### **The Town of Freeport for Best Practices in Energy Conservation**

The Greater Portland Council of Governments commends the Town of Freeport, its municipal officers, administrative staff and citizens for its leadership and commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable environment through the development in 2008 of a comprehensive Energy Conservation Plan the purpose of which is to: *Lead by Example-Save Money by Conserving Energy – Reduce our Carbon Footprint – Increase the Use of Renewable Resources.*

**Carol MacKenzie for Exemplary Leadership and Service to the Greater Portland Council of Governments**

The staff and members of the General Assembly of the Greater Portland Council of Governments hereby express their deepest appreciation to Carol MacKenzie for her thirty-three years of exemplary leadership and service to GPCOG and its member municipalities; and further that the GPCOG recognizes Carol's extraordinary leadership in developing and successfully sustaining the GPCOG Cooperative Services program -- a program that has strengthened regional cooperation while generating substantial savings to the municipalities and citizens of southern Maine.